

country, and Chalmers, Scott, Henry, Baxter and Doddridge of Europe, have not been believers in Immersion? Are our Baptist brethren better Greek scholars than these men? More than nine-tenths of the learned are not Baptists. Are they all hypocrites? Or possibly does Baptism mean something else than Immersion? The Bible must decide, you say.

The statement made about the writers in question is altogether false. Several of them were pronounced believers in immersion; and Dr. Robinson, in late writings distinctly states that he believed that the Oriental church retained the original mode of baptism, which was trine immersion. There are few able scholars who do not believe in immersion; but while they believe in immersion, they believe also that pouring or sprinkling will answer the purpose, and, therefore, do not practice what they regard as a severer mode while a milder will do.

Robinson, in his Greek and English lexicon, in defining the word *Baptizo*, says it is "frequentative in form," [denotes repeated actions,] and in a note adds, "Greek writers from Plato on used *Baptizo*, everywhere, to sink, to immerse, to overwhelm either wholly or partially." This is not only the opinion of all honest and able scholars, but it is a fact. Robinson does not give it as an opinion of his, but as an undeniable truth.

It is simply folly for any man to undertake to establish any other mode of baptism than immersion by the testimony of the greatest number of able writers of all ages, because the great majority have not only believed in immersion as baptism, but wrote in favor of it; yet every eminent man that wrote in favor of it did not practice it, or have baptism repeated in his own case. Many of them were baptized by pouring in infancy, and they could never persuade themselves that it would not suffice.

Bishop Beveridge wrote in favor of trine immersion, yet he was never baptized in that mode; and he yet declared that trine immersion was "the general practice of all antiquity," but he did not follow it.

The Pope of Rome made sprinkling legal baptism—we choose to follow Christ who gave the Church trine immersion.

Baptizo means dipped, overwhelmed or plunged in water or a liquid, and to say that it does not mean immersion, is the same as saying that the word "God" means the devil.

The Pledges.

The pledges still continue to come in, and a number of the brethren are proposing to be one of certain numbers to raise the remainder to finish the work. Keep it moving, brethren; we want to see the work completed soon. Less than six thousand dollars will save Ashland College to the Church and it is worth \$60,000.

NOTES AND NEWS.

We extend our sympathy to brother A. Pearson, in his bereavement.

Bro. Mallott is now at Winchester, Ohio. The result of the meetings at Lexington, were nine applications.

J. M. Mohler, German Baptist, was holding meetings at Lanark, Ill., last week. No conversions are yet reported.

Bro. Armstrong, of Atwood, Ind., invites Brethren preachers to stop and preach there, when they pass that way. Any one wishing to stop will be met at the train.

Bro. A. J. Sterling was storm-stayed last week, and some of his program had to be abandoned on account of it. A report of meetings he assisted in holding is given elsewhere.

The Annual for 1886 contains matter that every member of our church should preserve. Send in your order now, and receive a copy by return mail. Twenty cents each or \$2.00 per dozen.

From a private letter we learn that sister E. L. Yoder is sick. The task of moving was a great one to her, too much for her system to endure; but we hope she will soon be blessed with restored health.

Bro. A. A. Cober is now assisting in a revival at Middle Port, Ind., located between Goshen and Elkhart. We are glad to hear that he is in the field, and hope the Lord will bless his labors.

Brethren, please be diligent in securing subscriptions for 1886. It takes money to publish a good paper, and we must depend upon the brethren to help us along in the work. Do not forget that we felt the effects of hard times more keenly than many of our readers do.

We are now filling orders for books, annuals, etc. promptly, and if any one has not received what has been ordered, after a reasonable time, please notify us of the fact. In an office where many letters are handled all errors can not be avoided.

We learn from brother Holsinger, that his father, Elder Daniel M. Holsinger, who resides at Clover Creek, Blair Co., Pa., is quite poorly, and that he is on the eve of going to visit him; which may delay, and will somewhat interrupt his canvassing work, but he hopes to be able to make an important announcement next week, for which we bespeak a careful reading.

About the middle of last November, brother D. Harader, of Corbin, Kansas, visited relatives in Missouri, Barry County, and he was invited to preach in the Methodist church in the locality. The meetings were well attended, and five were united; two by baptism and three came over from the Conservatives. His engagements would not permit a continuance of the meetings. The letter was lost, in the mails, containing a report of the meetings, hence this lateness.

We would say to our correspondent who signs herself "a sister," that the Mission and Education Fund is designed to serve the purpose that she speaks of about educating ministers. When the fund is once large enough to be an effective power, such sums will be loaned to worthy and diligent young men, who are not able to secure an education at their own expense, with the understanding that they shall return it to the fund whenever they are able to do it. In this way with a small sum of money, a great work can be done in helping young men to an education and usefulness in the church.

The Lord willing; I expect to hold a protracted meeting in

Cameron, Mo., some time in the near future. Are there any organized churches of the brethren near, or on the line between. Des Moines, Iowa R. R. St. Joseph & Cameron, Mo. on C. B. & D. R. R. Who can answer please do so at once through the EVANGELIST or by letter.

J. NICHOLSON.

Hudson, Iowa, Jan. 11.

I closed my meetings on the eve of the 18th, instant, with sixteen conversions. Many others say they will join us soon. I start to-day for South Bend to fill my appointment in the Ullery church.

J. W. FITZGERALD.

Tiosa, Ind., Jan. 16.

As we are rather isolated and small in numbers and like to have light to guide us; so, by having the Bible as our compass, and the EVANGELIST at the Helm, we will never fear the breakers.

W. F. RIPPETO.

Scotts Eord, Va.

Five came out on our side, at Mt. Pleasant. The father of one young lady would not allow her to be baptized because she had not found religion at a mourners bench. We have had a wonderful amount of opposition to contend with.

JOHN DUKE.

Jan. 13, '86.

Rec'd the Annual to-day. Though they have rec'd but a cursory examination by me, I pronounce them good. Just the thing for every member of the brethren church.

L. C. STIFLER.

The brethren at Homer will begin their protracted meeting this evening. Will continue it two weeks. Brethren and sisters from adjoining churches are invited to attend this meeting.

H. S. JACOBS.

Homer, O. Jan. 15th, 1886.

We are having fine weather here, and I have been having some good meetings. I look forward to the time when there will be a church here in this part of Oregon. There are a few of the brethren here and there are others that think the Brethren church is far ahead of the G. B. Church. The Elder cannot get the people to come to hear him preach. Pray for us Brethren in Oregon.

WM. PULLEN.

Myrtle Point, Oregon.

The Kansas Missionary.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BRETHREN CHURCH IN KANSAS.

Dear Brethren and Sisters: I learn from a private card addressed to me by Bro. A. J. Hixson and also from EVANGELIST No. 1, that I have been chosen by our Convention assembled at Lawrence, Kans., Dec. 29th, 1885, as your State Missionary. I was not present and I have been chosen against my wish; and for several reasons.

I felt when the information reached me to demur, but after due deliberation I have concluded to accept provided the needed assistance is forth coming. Up to the present I am not advised as to any special plan of operation having been formulated by the Convention. Perhaps the convention felt like I have for some years. The less planning the more will be accomplished.

What we need is downright solid praying, paying and work-

ing. For at least twenty years I have labored and so have many others to have more effectual mission work done among our people, but thus far our only reward has been to see our prayerful and self-sacrificing efforts thwarted by too much planning and to little paying. Whether in our present efforts in Kansas anything will be accomplished, is yet to be seen. The wages the convention proposed to allow us (\$1.50 per day and expenses) are rather low considering our family expenses; but we will make the effort if our brethren practically desire it. My address until further notice will be Corbin, Summer Co., Kans., care of Eld. D. Harader. Of course, at present, I go on private or local calls, and on such calls will continue to go to Missouri, Neb., or any other state until the Kans. brethren put me with their substance practically applied into the Kansas general field. I presume Bro. F. C. Schaper, of Mulvane Summer Co., Kans., continues treasurer, and to him funds should be sent. Bro. Hixson informs me that the convention desires me to hold collections wherever I labor and charge myself with the proceeds. I am a poor solicitor, but I will try and obey and report regularly to the treasurer as to receipts and expenses; through the EVANGELIST, also, if desired. I will give notice in due time when I am equipped and prepared to labor as your state Evangelist. In the mean time those who call for my services should feel themselves personally responsible.

Fraternally,

W. J. H. BAUMAN

Morrill, Kans., Jan. 11th, 1886.

From Brother Ridenour.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—My meetings in the vicinity of South Bend have closed, a report of which will be written for your columns by Bro. J. C. Ewing, who attended most of them and rendered valuable service, assisted by his noble wife. They are a power for good, and it is a serious loss to our cause, that they cannot be all the time employed in connection with the ministry, to aid by their musical talent. Bro. Ewing is now located in South Bend, teaching music in all the public schools of that city and Mishawaka.

I accompanied him two days and witnessed his zeal and success in his profession. It was truly gratifying to me. He is giving excellent satisfaction.

During my stay among the brethren I formed many acquaintances that I shall cherish in my memory. I did not visit as much among the brethren as I would like to have done, but made my home principally with Bro. Jno. D. Cissne. May the Lord bless him and his noble wife, sister Cissne, for their kindness to me during my stay with them. This church, Portage Prairie is certainly destined to take its place among the leading ones in the state. It is composed of good, substantial citizens, and numbers at present about ninety, with Bro. J. M. Rittgers, a good live minister as their pastor. I almost envy Bro. Rittgers his field, for it is certainly one of the most desirable I know of, but then he is certainly worthy of it and is esteemed and beloved by the church. This is as it should be.

After the meeting closed, I spent a few days visiting dear friends in the city, then came here to Tiosa where Bro. J. W. Fitzgerald is holding a successful meeting, at his earnest solicitation. I preached a few sermons for him, and enjoyed the pleasure of visiting old friends and becoming acquainted with others. The church at Tiosa is in a flourishing condition. About two years ago I organized it with but seventeen members. It has steadily grown since that time until it now numbers near fifty. But it has not only grown in numbers but in other important respects. Bro. Jones, by his professional labors as a music teacher, has made as much improvement here perhaps, as in any other one thing. I have during this visit had the pleasure of meeting Prof. Jones for the first time, and to hear him sing and play. Oh what a talent, God has blest him with—how grateful he ought to be for it, hope he may have grace to use it to the glory of his Master. The brethren who need the services of a competent music teacher can do no better than to secure the services of Bro. Simpson Jones of Tiosa, Ind.

From here I go to Flora, Ind., where I will commence a meeting on the eve of the 16 inst. Brethren everywhere pray for me that my labors may be blessed to the upbuilding of my blessed Master's cause, for my heart desire and prayer to God is that sinners may be saved.

J. A. RIDENOUR.

Old age is the night of life, as night is the old age of the day. Still night is full of magnificence, and for many it is more brilliant than day.

Evangelist College Fund.

Samuel Wine	\$ 8.00
A sister	1.00
David A. Leedy	50.00
Isaac Grubb	20.00
Seth Conrad	10.00
S. H. Bowers	6.00
John Culp	11.00
Mrs. D. J. Speicher	25.00
Miss Cora B. Speicher	5.00
Miss Tillie Speicher	5.00
Brother	30.00
Susan Dyer	50.00

MARRIED.

Nelson—Fry—at the residence of the undersigned, Jan. 7th, 1886, A. Nelson and sister Annie A. Fry, both of Indiana Co., Pa.

E. H. SMITH.

Smicksburg, Ind. Co. Pa.

Schrock—Saylor.—At the home of the brides parents, near Waterloo, Iowa, Jan. 12th, 1886, by Rev. L. C. Stifler, Mr. W. D. Schrock to Miss Eliza B. Saylor, all of Black Hawk Co., Iowa.

The Brethren Annual.

The Brethren Annual for 1886, contains besides the usual calendar, a Biography of Alexander Mack, and Daniel P. Saylor, author of the "Mandatory Resolution," with portrait, a short history of the Brethren Church, by J. B. Wampler, School House No. 7 and the Arnold's Grove Conference, by H. R. Holsinger and J. H. Worst, with engraving of the school house, list of ministers of the Brethren Church important events of the year, ending Oct. 1st, 1885, reports from churches, and interesting miscellaneous matter. It is printed on good, heavy paper, nicely bound. It makes a document that every member of the Brethren Church will want to preserve.

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Notice.

Patrons will please bear in mind that Elder E. L. Yoder now resides in Missouri, and any business for this office addressed to him will be greatly delayed.